

Stand & Stay
Wk 2: Take a Risk
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

The win today is for students to understand that faith is spelled: R-I-S-K.

SCRIPTURES

Daniel 2 (Emphasis Daniel 2:47)

THINK ABOUT THIS

The definition of risk is “a situation involving exposure to danger.” We all have a level of risk we find acceptable in life and a level of risk we try to avoid. The thing about that is as believers, God often acts us to move into a level of risk higher than our natural preference. It’s not because God doesn’t care about our safety, but because He wants to grow our trust and faith in Him. When we are obedient and that step of faith God is leading us to, the reward is always well worth it. Our faith grows and others’ see God’s greatness.

To our students, some of the biggest risks they may be afraid of is losing the acceptance of their friends and peers. Continue to remind your students they are:

- Accepted and loved by God
- Not too young to be passionate in following Jesus.
- With following Jesus, the risk is always worth the reward

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.



CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

When we take a risk and are obedient to God, we show the world His greatness.

GET THEM TALKING

Would you ever take the risk of skydiving? Why or why not?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything specific that stood out to you from today's talk?

READ Daniel 2:47 and answer the following questions:

2. How do you think King Nebuchadnezzar got to this point of admitting that Daniel's God is the one true God?
3. Do you think he ever would have realized that if it weren't for Daniel taking a risk, following God, and interpreting the dream?
4. Daniel could have just stayed out of the situation, but instead chose to take the risk. What can we learn from this?

Answer the following questions:

5. Who is someone in your life, that you could task a risk, be brave with and show Jesus to?
6. What makes you scared to talk to them about your faith?
7. What can you do to overcome that fear?

NEXT STEP

Pair up the group and have them share the person they can be brave with and show Jesus to in their lives. As a group, come up with different ways you can show Jesus to others (ex: invite to church, tell them that God loves them, etc.) Encourage partners to pray for each other to have courage to share Jesus with the person they identified this week.

PRAYER GUIDE

Dear God, help us to live more boldly! We love you and we want the world to know you. Please give us the courage be brave, take risks, and to share your love with the world. And we pray for the people we each identified to come to know your love. In your name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE

LEADER CORNER

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

Daniel 2:47 (NLT)

“The king said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret.”